

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

**The following listing replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:**

1. (Canceled)
2. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 7, wherein said bottom face comprises a tripod attaching section to which a tripod is attached.
3. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 7, wherein sound information collected by said microphone is recorded in association with an image captured by said digital camera.
4. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 7, wherein recording using said microphone is carried out just after an image capturing operation of said digital camera.
5. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 7, wherein said microphone is positioned on said bottom face and in the vicinity of a rear face where ocular lenses of said binoculars are provided.
6. (Currently Amended) Binoculars according to ~~claim 1~~ claim 7, wherein said microphone is positioned on said bottom face and between a pair of said optical systems of said binoculars.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~Binoculars according to claim 1~~ Digital-camera-provided binoculars, comprising:  
a digital camera that is able to capture an image of an object which is observed through optical systems of said binoculars; and  
a microphone;

wherein said microphone is provided on a bottom face of said binoculars, and  
wherein said digital camera and said microphone are mounted on different  
surfaces of said binoculars.